Education (NCFSE) 2000 recommends Yoga as a part of the subject of Health and Physical Education, the other components of which are games and sports, NCC, etc. at all levels of school education. The NCFSE was forwarded to CBSE and other State Education Boards for adoption/adaptation. Since it is not recommended as a separate subject, its syllabus has not been spelled out by the NCERT.

(b) Does not arise.

'(c) Decisions in this regard are to be taken by individual Boards, on the basis of recommendations contained in NCFSE-2000.

Literacy levels in **the North-East**

1422. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether average literacy level in the North-East is higher than All India average;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to provide technical education in that area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) As per 2001 census, All India literacy rate is 65.38%. In most of the north eastern states the literacy rates are higher than the national average. The state wise details are given below:

Sl. No.	All NE States	Literacy rate (in %)
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	54.74
2.	Assam	64.28
3.	Manipur	68.87
4.	Meghalaya	63.31
5.	Mizoram	88.49
6.	Nagaland	67.11
7.	Sikkim	69.68
8.	Tripura	73.66

(c) The regional Engineering College, Silchar has been taken over by this Ministry as a fully funded institute of the central government with the status of deemed university. This institute caters to the entire north eastern states for technical education.

Besides, seats are reserved for students of north eastern states in different branches of engineering and technology at -degree and diploma level in different states of the country.

AICTE encourages setting up of new institutions in the north eastern region and has advised its Regional Committees to give special attention to the requests received from the deficient states. A Statement showing number of technical institutions upto 2002-03 in the north eastern region is annexed.

Statement

Number of technical institutions in the North east and Sikkim upto 2002-03

Sl. No.	State	Degree Engg-	Degree Pharmacy	Diploma Engg.	Diploma Pharmacy	Diploma H.M.C.T. (Hotel Mgt.)	MBA	MCA
1.	Mizoram		1	3	1	0	0	0
2.	Sikkim		1	2	1	1	0	1
3.	Tripura		1	1	1	1	0	0
4.	Meghalaya		0	3	0	0	0	0
5.	Arunachal Pradesh		0	2	0	1	0	0
6.	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
7.	Assam	3	1	10	2	0	6	3
8.	Manipur	1	0	3	1	0	1	0
9.	Nagaland	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	9	4	29	6	4	7	4